

Small Group Discussion Questions Pickens County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Technology Committee District Wide
- Tested/ Assessment based k-5 and up (helps focus on different instruction.
- Child-care Businesses Alliance/ Book Flood-United Way / First Steps
- Strong adult program
- Parent education program at North Side
- WINGS – teen parents
- TBS – Medicaid
- Parents as teachers
- Service Learning
- Cadet-Teacher
- After school programs
- Student-tutoring
- Gateway to college
- Career focus through EEDA
- Bridge Program
- Adult graduate studies for non-traditional students
- Local school initiatives
- Parental involvement
- CU has revamped education leadership curriculum
- Pickens County News
- Visioning 2025 process
- School/Business partnerships
- Expansion of k-4 programs
- Dual enrollment @ TCTC
- Middle college @ TCTC
- Star Academy
- Technology Task Force in motion
- Pickens Education Partnership
- Parenting program

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Parent involvement
- Engaging students
- Improve school facilities
- Technologies
- Age of voters
- Community and business involvement
- Lack of coordination
- (county-wide) marketing
- Lack of quality pre-k
- Programs
- Mentoring
- Challenging programs for all levels of students
- Poverty/resources
- Collaboration between education committee, health committee, and parents
- Health screening
- Specialized training for early intervention
- Changing cultures/languages
- AP credit courses
- Serious partnerships between agencies/schools are missing
- Negative press/ "agendas" from local papers
- Parental apathy
- Proliferation of misinformation
- Public apathy
- Lack of parent education programs

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Coordination between organizations
- Getting information out
- Addressing emotional intelligence
- Include mental health organization
- Get new businesses in county
- Parents/ Industry/ Education helping to get students excited in math and science
- Innovative approaches (free)

- Facilities-learning environment
- Total community support for family
- parental involvement
- educate parents
- assume responsibility
- promote volunteerism and mentoring
- increase dialogue among professionals in community

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

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